

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Edward Greef, on February 7, 2017 at 3:30 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Edward Greef, Chair (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 39, 2/2/2017
Executive Action on: HB 225; HB 317

00:01:34 Rep. Custer joined the meeting

HEARING ON SB 39

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:25 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 39, Repeal notification of cnty commission re: organization of conservation district.

Proponents:

00:04:16 Laurie Zeller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:05:38 Elena Evans, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:06:10 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:47 Rep. Skees

00:08:15 Laurie Zeller, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:35 Sen. Richmond

00:10:00 Rep. Hayman joined the meeting

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 225

00:10:36 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 225 DO PASS.**

00:11:38 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 225 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(loh27a01)

Discussion:

00:12:18 Chair Greef

00:13:55 Rep. Usher

00:14:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garner, Rep. Lavin and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

00:16:51 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 225 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(loh27a02)

Discussion:

00:17:12 Rep. Fern

00:19:03 Chair Greef

00:19:25 Rep. Fern

00:19:44 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:20:30 Chair Greef

00:20:39 Ginger Aldrich, LSD

00:21:17 Chair Greef
 00:21:46 Rep. Custer
 00:22:18 Rep. Mandeville
 00:22:48 Rep. Fern
 00:23:40 Rep. Usher
 00:24:26 Rep. Bishop
 00:26:28 Chair Greef
 00:30:49 Rep. Karjala
 00:32:14 Rep. Dunwell
 00:32:54 Rep. Custer
 00:33:06 Chair Greef
 00:33:38 Rep. Custer
 00:34:26 Rep. Usher
 00:35:41 Rep. Karjala

00:36:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Custer, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Garner, Rep. Lavin and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

00:38:00 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 225 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:39:10 Chair Greef

00:39:16 **Motion:** Rep. Usher moves to **SUSPEND RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.** Motion was without objection.

Discussion:

00:39:55 Chair Greef

00:41:12 **Motion:** Rep. Usher moved that **HB 225 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED TO INCREASE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT TO FIVE DOLLARS.**

Discussion:

00:41:42 Rep. Dunwell
 00:42:19 Rep. Bishop
 00:43:07 Chair Greef
 00:44:40 Rep. Bishop
 00:45:06 Chair Greef
 00:45:20 Rep. Usher
 00:45:56 Chair Greef
 00:46:35 Rep. Curtis
 00:47:34 Rep. Fern

00:48:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Hayman, Rep. A. Hertz, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Swanson, Rep. Webber and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Garner, Rep. Lavin and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

00:50:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 225 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 18-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Garner, Rep. A. Hertz, Rep. Lavin, Rep. Skees and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Garner, Rep. Lavin and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 317

00:52:33 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 317 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:52:53 Rep. Mandeville

00:54:07 Rep. Hayman

00:55:18 Rep. A. Hertz

00:56:25 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 317 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(loh27a03)

Discussion:

00:56:49 Rep. Mandeville

00:58:32 Rep. Dunwell

00:59:01 Rep. Mandeville

00:59:32 Rep. Fern

00:59:53 Rep. Mandeville

01:00:45 Rep. Bishop

01:01:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 21-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Curtis and Rep. Karjala voting no. Rep. Garner, Rep. Lavin and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

01:03:43 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 317 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:04:05 Rep. Swanson

01:04:44 Rep. Dunwell

01:05:01 Rep. Custer

01:06:07 Rep. Usher

01:06:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Greef, Rep. A. Hertz, Rep. Lavin, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. Skees, Rep. Usher and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Garner, Rep. Lavin and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:09:58

Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([loh27aad.pdf](#))